

REMARKS

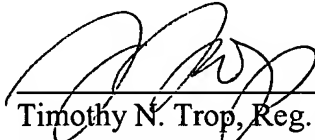
Claim 22 was rejected over Han or Fincato. In the Han the only structures with different lengths are the array of waveguides 114. As set forth now in the claims, it must be the waveguides 118 that have a difference which achieves a flat spectral response. This is plainly not the case in Han.

Similarly, in Fincato, there is no array of waveguides coupled in the fashion described. Therefore, the claim as amended distinguishes over Fincato as well.

In view of these remarks, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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